

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/717,057

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/10/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,5,6,7,9 (renumbered as 1-6, respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08).
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413).
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eileen Falvey on 5/14/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 4 has been cancelled.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9 have been amended as follows:

Claim 2. A method of enhancing the function of central nervous system tissue in a mammal comprising administering peripherally to a mammal in need thereof a non-toxic effective amount of recombinant erythropoietin (EPO) for enhancing central nervous system tissue function, so that the associative learning or memory of the mammal is enhanced.

Claim 3. A method of enhancing the function of central nervous system tissue in a mammal comprising administering peripherally to a mammal in need thereof a non-

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toxic effective amount of recombinant erythropoietin (EPO) for enhancing central nervous system tissue function, so that cognitive function is enhanced.

Claim 5. The method of claim 2 or 3, wherein said administration comprises oral, topical, intraluminal, inhalational, or parenteral administration.

Claim 6. The method of claim 5, wherein said parenteral administration is intravenous.

Claim 7. The method of claim 2 or 3, wherein said administration is acute or chronic.

Claim 9. The method of claim 2 or 3, wherein said EPO is administered at a dose greater than the dose necessary to maximally stimulate erythropoiesis.

Reasons for Allowance:

The provisional rejection to claims 2-7 and 9 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 28-31, 33-37, 39, 52, 55, 57-59 of copending Application No. 09/547,220, as set forth at pages 10-11 of the previous Office Action (10 October 2006), was *withdrawn*. Upon further consideration, a method of enhancing the function of central nervous system tissue in a mammal comprising administering peripherally to a mammal in need thereof a non-toxic

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effective amount of recombinant erythropoietin (EPO) for enhancing central nervous system tissue function, so that the associative learning or memory of the mammal is enhanced and a method of enhancing the function of central nervous system tissue in a mammal comprising administering peripherally to a mammal in need thereof a non-toxic effective amount of recombinant erythropoietin (EPO) for enhancing central nervous system tissue function, so that cognitive function is enhanced are not suggested by and are distinct from claims 28-31, 33-37, 39, 52, 55, 57-59 of copending Application No. 09/547,220.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Regina M. DeBerry whose telephone number is (571) 272-0882. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary B. Nickol can be reached on (571) 272-0835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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